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FOLLOWING REPEAT GUATEMALA 5256 SENT ACTION SECSTATE SEP 25TH.

QUOTE:

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SUBJECT: WORKING GROUP ON SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

SUB-GROUP II-REPORT NO. 2

REF: GUATEMALA 5223

1. TUESDAYS SESSIONS CONTINUED TO BE CORDIAL AND BUSINESS-LIKE IN TONE. LOCAL REPS OF ECUADOR AND URUGUAY JOINED GROUP, CHILE AND COLOMBIA STILL ABSENT. MEXICO PRESENTED DOCUMENT PROJECTED IN REFTTEL WHICH WAS NOT FAMILIAR OR NEW PROPOSAL BUT ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS RE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF SG II- THEIR INTERPRETATION WAS MORE ALONG LINES OF SG I AND SG III RESPONSIBILITY.

2. SESSIONS COMPLETED GENERAL REVIEW OF SG II T.RS. MOST
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COMMENTS, ESPECIALLY GUATEMALA INTERVENTION, STILL LARGELY

OFF TARGET. UDEL INTERVENTION, BACKED UP IN PART BY BRAZIL, ATTEMPTED TO KEEP SUBJECT IN FOCUS.

3. BRAZIL WITH SUPPORT FROM MEXICO, ATTEMPTED TO GET USDEL TO QUANTIFY USG COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT OF OBJECTIVES OF SG I AND SG II, REFERRING TO ITEM 5 OF DOCUMENT NO. 4 OF REPORT OF FIRST WG MEETING. CHAIRMAN USDEL RESPONDED THAT THIS WAS CONTRARY TO SPIRIT OF PRESENT DIALOGUE TO SET A RIGID FRAMEWORK OR FIGURE BEFORE NEEDS WERE EXAMINED AND MECHANISMS AND PROGRAMS DEVELOPED. THE MERIT AND JUSTIFICATION OF WHAT WAS DEVELOPED BY THE WG WOULD DETERMINE THE SUPPORT DEVELOPED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS. THIS RESPONSE WAS ACCEPTED AS REASONABLE BY BRAZIL AND THE OTHER LATIN DELEGATIONS.

4. DOC. 2 AND 3, THE ACTIONS PROPOSED TO THE USG AND THE LAS, OF REPORT OF FIRST MEETING OF SG III WERE READ AND DISTRIBUTED TO DELEGATIONS FOR THEIR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE. GUATEMALA ALLEGED THAT MOST POINTS OF LA ACTION PROGRAM WERE DIRECTLY SUPPORTIVE OF ITS PROPOSAL. NO OTHER COMMENTS ENSUED.

5. THE AUTHORS OF THE FOUR WORKING DOCUMENTS-GUATEMALA, BRAZIL, JAMAICA, AND MEXICO-WERE DIRECTED TO CONSTITUTE A WORKING GROUP TO COALESCE THESE INTO ONE PROPOSAL OR SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS. GROUP WAS OPENED TO ALL AND USDEL IS PARTICIPATING.

6. CHAIRMAN OF USDEL CALLED FOR SECOND WORKING GROUP, TO MEET SUBSEQUENT TO FIRST, TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT TASK OF SG II SINCE TABLED DCUMENTS, WHILE IMPORTANT, SEEMED INADEQUATE TO FULFILL CHARGE. RECOMMENDATION ACCEPTED BY LATINS AND USDEL DEVELOPING FRAMEWORK FOR THESE ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

7. USDEL HOSTED NOON COCKTAIL AT HOTEL POOL TODAY WHICH PROVIDED GOOD FORUM FOR INFORMAL AND FRANK DISCUSSION OF ISSUES AND DIFFERENCES IN VIEWS WITH PRINCIPAL LATIN REPS.
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